

President Reichart convened the public meeting of Hanover Borough Council on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Hanover Borough Council Chamber, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA, as advertised. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom Webinar with video presentation.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS & OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Reichart called the regular business of the meeting to order and asked all those in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

On roll call the following answered as present: Mr. Chesney (*virtually*), Mrs. Funk, Mr. Hegberg, Mr. Hoover (*virtually*), Mr. Lockard, Ms. Pranses (*virtually*), Mr. Reichart, Mr. Roland and Dr. Rupp; Mayor Whitman (*virtually*); Solicitor Shultis; Manager Dunford and Secretary Felix.

Public Comment – None was presented.

INTERVIEWS FOR WARD 1 COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES – Candidates were present to interview with Hanover Borough Council to fulfill an unexpired term for Council Ward 1 until December 31, 2021. All of the candidates previously responded that they have met the qualifications of having lived in the Hanover Borough First Ward for at least one year, were registered to vote, and were available to attend evening meetings. They were invited individually to interview in the following order:

- Amanda Yingling, 401 East Middle Street
- Brian Howard, 836 Blossom Drive
- Coni Shrader, 308 East Middle Street
- Tim Kress, 213 East Walnut Street
- Randy Posner, 839 Blossom Drive (*virtually*)

Each candidate was asked the following questions by Council members:

1. Why are you interested in being on the Hanover Borough Council?
2. Will you be willing to run in the next election?
3. How will your work experiences influence your part of planning Hanover's future?
4. What are your information sources about Hanover Borough?
5. Please rate your listening skills from 1-10
6. Are you aware of the required preparation for each Council and Committee meeting?
7. What's your understanding of the breadth of the business activities that Hanover Borough is responsible for?
8. Briefly describe your view of the top 3, for each of the subjects below:
 - Strengths
 - Weaknesses
 - Opportunities
9. What are your favorite places to spend time in our town?

8:20 PM: After all interviews were completed, Hanover Borough Council went into executive session at 8:20 PM pursuant to Section 708 (a) (1) of the Sunshine Act. Candidates were invited to remain until after the executive session when the public meeting would resume.

8:58 PM: The meeting reconvened, and those participating in person and via Zoom were admitted back into the public meeting.

President Reichart announced that Council will now receive nominations to fill the 1st Ward Council vacancy. Since this action was not printed on the Agenda, President Reichart then asked for public comment.

Public Comment: None was presented.

President Reichart asked for nominations for the First Ward Council Member position.

Councilwoman Pranses nominated Mr. Randy Posner.

Councilman Lockard nominated Mr. Timothy Kress.

A motion was made by President Reichart and seconded by Councilman Roland to close the nominations. Motion carried.

At this point, President Reichart asked for a roll call vote to nominate Mr. Randy Posner as First Ward Councilman. Council Members Funk Lockard, Roland, Hegberg, and Reichart voted in opposition to the nomination; and Council Members Rupp, Hoover, Chesney, and Pranses voted in favor of the nomination. Since the vote did not result in at least 5 votes in favor (4-5), the nomination was defeated.


President Reichart asked for a roll call vote to nominate Mr. Timothy Kress as First Ward Councilman. Council Members Funk, Lockard, Roland, Hegberg, Reichart, Rupp, Hoover, Chesney and Pranses all voted in favor of the nomination (9-0). The nomination for Mr. Timothy Kress to fulfil the unexpired term of the First Ward Councilman until December 31, 2021 was approved.

At this point, Vanessa Voss of 19 Country Manor Court provided public comment, questioning why the decision to appoint Tim Kress was made in executive session. Solicitor Shultis stated that Council is permitted to discuss the appointment of a prospective public officer in executive session and that the decision to appoint Tim Kress was not made in executive session but in open session by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Funk, seconded by Councilman Hegberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorothy C. Felix
Borough Secretary